

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**HB 3518 - SB 3690**

March 30, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Expands the sex offender registration requirements to include juveniles who have been adjudicated delinquent by juvenile courts for engaging in conduct which, if engaged by an adult, would constitute a sexual offense under current law. The registration requirement would end when the juvenile reaches age 21 for the commission of a sexual offense and age 25 for the commission of a violent sexual offense. Violation of this act by a person who is at least 18 years of age is a Class E felony offense.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$21,900 / Incarceration\***

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, during FY04, 411 juveniles would have to register under the provisions of this bill. The Department of Correction (DOC) estimates that one percent (4) would be 18 years of age or older and would violate the requirements.
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, population growth in Tennessee has been 1.09 percent per year for the past ten years. No significant incarceration cost increase will occur due to population growth in this period.
- Four persons would be convicted of a Class E felony offense and would serve 0.3 years (109.58 days). According to the DOC, the average operating cost per inmate per day for calendar year 2006 is \$50.02. The cost per inmate is \$5,481.19 (\$50.02 x 109.58 days). The total additional operating cost for four offenders is \$21,924.76 (\$5,481.19 x 4).
- No additional resources will be required by the Department of Children's Services or the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation to comply with the provisions of this bill.

*\*Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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James W. White, Executive Director